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MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 7

A municipal election will be held on April 7, 2009 for the office of Alderman for each of the City's three wards. The following individuals have filed for office and their names will be on the ballot:

Alderman, Ward 1	Bob Tullock
	Janet Steinbrenner*
Alderman, Ward 2	Mike Clement *
Alderman, Ward 3	Don Ryan *

* Current Office Holders

The City encourages all residents to exercise their right to vote. If you are not registered to vote, you may register at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Those wishing to vote in the April 7, 2009 election must register by March 11, 2009.



THE LYCEUM BUILDING PICTURE

Mayor David L. Willson critiques the new picture of the Lyceum Building, (City Hall) which is currently displayed in the Board of Aldermen meeting room at City Hall. When the new Police Facility construction has been completed, this picture will be moved to the meeting room at that location.

**Parks and Recreation Brochure
included with this issue of the
Courier newsletter**

**Trash and Recycling
Insert Included**



CITY CLERK COMMENDED

At a recent Employee Awards Luncheon, Mayor David Willson commended City Clerk Ruth Baker for her accomplishments during 2008 of becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk, an honor bestowed by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and also for the accomplishment of earning the certification of Missouri Registered City Clerk from the Missouri State University – Missouri Local Government Program. City Clerk Ruth Baker also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Management.



CITY STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS ADOPT-A-FAMILY

For the first time, City staff and elected officials adopted a Manchester family for the holidays. Those individuals delivering the gifts were City Clerk Ruth Baker, Mayor David Willson, Planning and Zoning Administrative Secretary Cindy Holten, Court Administrator Colleen Massey, Director of Public Works Bob Ruck, and Administrative Assistant Tiffany Baldrige.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By the time you receive this issue of the *Courier*, I will have been your Mayor for about 334 days. I am pleased that our new trash collection company, Allied Waste Services, has delivered trash and recycling containers and that regular trash collection, all-year yard waste collection, and recycling services will all be on the same day as your previous day of collection.

I continue to represent the City of Manchester at the St. Louis County Municipal League meetings where I am a member of the Legislative Committee, the Missouri Municipal League, the Lafayette Mayors' Organization, the Metro Mayors' Organization, and the Great Streets Initiative. I have been attending meetings with state legislators locally and in Jefferson City, attending meetings with St. Louis County officials, and I have been involved with the West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce meetings and activities. I also enjoy attending and participating in the City's Subdivision Trustee meetings.

With the welcoming of spring, I invite you to Schroeder Park for the spring activities. Also, now is the time to start planning to sign up for our great summer parks and recreation programs which are conducted by our expert staff. While enjoying the spring activities, please remember to be aware of the City's pet leash and clean-up laws.

Ongoing progress is visible in the area of the Manchester Highlands Development. The Wal-Mart Supercenter construction is moving forward quickly, and Costco plans to begin construction in March. We are looking forward to the prospect of some new restaurants in Manchester Highlands. I am pleased to report that the City's new Police Facility construction is well underway.

Plans are in progress for a spring event to acknowledge those individuals who have responded that they have lived in the City for 50 or more years. If you have lived in the City for 50 or more years and have not yet done so, please contact the City Clerk as soon as possible to give your name, address, phone number, and number of years residing in the City.

The City is moving forward with the planned Veterans' Memorial which will be located in Margaret Stoecker Park on Henry Avenue. This monument will be a significant tribute to current and future military veterans. Individuals may purchase brick pavers to commemorate the service of a family member or a friend. Please contact City Hall for more information.

I would like to encourage all residents to become more involved in your local government and its operations. The Board of Aldermen meets on the first and third Mondays of each month. We welcome your attendance and participation at these meetings.

As election time is drawing near, I encourage you to become aware of the upcoming issues and projects in the City, to familiarize yourself with the candidates, and to vote for your choices. Elections for aldermanic representatives will be held on April 7. If you are not registered to vote, you may do so at City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. I encourage each of you to exercise your right to vote.

My wife, Mary, and I wish you an exceptionally pleasant spring.

Mayor David L. Willson



POLICE OFFICER COMMENDED

At a recent Employee Awards Luncheon, Chief of Police John Connolly commended Officer Meredith Lebbing for her excellent police work in the short time she has been employed with the City. Officer Lebbing caught some people who were breaking into cars only a week or two after she was hired by the City. Shortly thereafter, she demonstrated her ability while working on a sick case with the West County EMS and Fire Protection District. Approximately three months after being hired, she displayed some actions which are of the highest accommodation. The circumstances involved a situation where a man came to a house where his estranged girlfriend lived, and according to a written suicide note, had the plan to kill her and then kill himself. While Officer Lebbing chased the man, he reached to his waistband where a gun was supposed to have been, and Officer Lebbing made the decision to use a continuum of force that due to conditions was the best course of action at the time. Officer Lebbing used her Taser gun, the man fell to the ground, and a revolver fell out of his waistband where he could reach it. Officer Lebbing took out her pistol and told the man not to move. Other officers arrived and helped secure the situation. Officer Lebbing used the highest level of good judgment, stated Chief Connolly, and saved a man's life, as well as other potential lives in the heavily populated area. Also at another recent event, Officer Lebbing received a plaque from the American Society of Industrial Security Law recognizing her bravery and professionalism during a potentially deadly situation.



PETS RUNNING AT LARGE

City Hall has received a number of complaints regarding pets running at large. The City would like to remind you that a pet is running at large if it is "off the private premises of the owner or keeper, or his/her agent or servant, and not on a leash or confined to the arms, motor vehicle, trailer, or other conveyance of the owner or keeper, his/her agent or servant".

County Offers Older Resident Services

CORP (County Older Resident Programs) is run by the Office of Family and Community Services of the St. Louis County Government Department of Human Services. CORP offers a variety of programs and services to senior citizens in St. Louis County. Most of the programs are free of charge; however, donations are accepted for all services.

To qualify, individuals must be 60 years of age, and meet certain income qualifications.

Services include:

- Income tax preparation assistance
- Legal assistance (simple legal matters, such as wills) for those with incomes of less than \$20,000
- Security assistance for the elderly (to keep their home safe with locking devices, smoke alarms, etc.)
- Home safety inspections
- Low-cost home care and repair
- Transportation/escort for medical appointments or shopping
- Telephone reassurance/Care Calls
- Home visitor services
- Referrals to additional community resources

Volunteer opportunities available:

- Caring Shopper - to assist older adults with their shopping needs
- Neighbor driving Neighbor - to transport older adults to and from medical appointments and other essential trips
- Caregiver to Caregiver, providing relief and rest for the primary caregiver of homebound elderly
- Caring Connections – providing assistance to older adults with home related tasks
- Care Calls – to call a homebound older adult regularly to check on their well being or visit in their home to chat, read, play a game or be a friend
- Attorney, Paralegal, Notary – providing non-litigation assistance
- Income Tax Preparer – help prepare state and federal forms and Missouri Property Tax Rebate forms
- Forms Assistant – assist with the preparation of medical claim forms
- Security Installation – install dead bolt locks and smoke alarms
- Office Assistant – answer phones, maintain files, work on computers, help with mailings
- Special Events Assistant – represent CORP at community festivals and fairs
- Special Interest Groups
- Living Well – cable television show
- Broadway Fantasies – song/dance revue
- Computer Clubs
- Training and mileage reimbursement is provided for all volunteers.

For more information, please call the St. Louis Customer Assistance Line at 314-615-4516, TTY 314-615-4425.

SPRING CHIPPING SERVICE

As a service to all those residing in single-family homes, the city offers tree limb chipping service twice each year. As in previous years, the collection schedule is based on ward boundaries.

The schedule for this spring's pick up is summarized below:

Ward One – Monday, April 6
Ward Two – Monday, April 13
Ward Three – Monday, April 20

Your ward number is on the address label on this newsletter.

*Brush must be at the curb no later than the Sunday evening prior to the designated day of service for your ward, and no earlier than five days prior to that date. **Work crews will make only one pass through each ward. Collection will begin at 7:00 a.m. on the designated Monday and will continue until the one pass is complete which may take more than one day.***

If you plan to participate in this program, we ask that you abide by the following guidelines:

Tree limbs must be 4' to 12' in length (the longer length preferred) and be no larger than 6" in diameter at the base of the cut. The brush pile shall not be over 4' in height at the street edge or over 15' in length along the street edge. Each home may put out only one pile of brush.

Tree limbs must be placed along the curb line of your property, neatly stacked, with the cut ends toward the street. If you have a sidewalk in front of your home, the tree limbs must be stacked behind the sidewalk. Brush must be stacked in this manner or it will not be taken.

No limbs shorter than 4' in length, bundled limbs, trash, firewood, stumps, root balls, vines, thorny material, lumber, grass or detached leaves will be chipped or collected.

These program conditions will be strictly enforced.

The wood chips will be converted to mulch suitable for landscaping and will be stockpiled at Seibert Park. The mulch, when available, is for pick up and use by all residents at no charge.

If you would like further information regarding this program, please call City Hall at 636-227-1385, extension 104.

..... HOMECOMING SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!!

If you are interested in serving on the Homecoming Committee, or would be willing to donate a few hours of your time over Homecoming weekend to help in any capacity, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 636-391-6326, ext 400.





A MESSAGE FROM MANCHESTER POLICE CHIEF JOHN CONNOLLY

Stalking can be defined as a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.

It is a course of conduct that can include:

- Repeated, unwanted, intrusive, and frightening communications from the perpetrator by phone, mail, and/or email
- Repeatedly leaving or sending victim unwanted items, presents, or flowers
- Following or laying in wait for the victim at places such as home, school, work, or recreation place
- Making direct or indirect threats to harm the victim, the victim's children, relatives, friends, or pets.
- Damaging or threatening to damage the victim's property
 - Harassing victim through the internet
 - Posting information or spreading rumors about the victim on the internet, in a public place, or by word of mouth
 - Obtaining personal information about the victim by accessing public records, using internet search services, hiring private investigators, going through the victim's garbage, following the victim, contacting victim's friends, family, work, or neighbors, etc.

Source: Stalking Resource Center, National Center for Victims of Crime

The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released a supplemental report to the National Crime Victimization Survey focused on Stalking Victimization in the United States. This Supplemental Victimization Survey (SVS) to the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) is the most comprehensive study of stalking to date and confirms that stalking is pervasive, women are at higher risk of being stalked, and there is a dangerous intersection between stalking and more violent crimes.

The SVS was specifically developed, with funding from the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), to provide national-level data on the crime of stalking.

The SVS identified seven types of harassing or unwanted behaviors consistent with stalking, and individuals were classified as stalking victims if they responded that they experienced two or more of these behaviors on two or more separate occasions. In addition, the individuals must have reported fear for their safety or that of a family member as a result of the course of conduct, or they must have experienced additional threatening behaviors that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. The SVS measured the following:

- making unwanted phone calls;
- sending unsolicited or unwanted letters or e-mails;
- following or spying on the victim;
- showing up at a place where they had no reason to be;
- waiting at places for the victim;
- leaving unwanted items, presents, or flowers;
- posting information or spreading rumors about the victim on the internet, in a public place, or by word of mouth.

Some of the SVS: Stalking Victimization in the United States Report findings include:

- During a 12 month period an estimated 3.4 million persons age 18 or older were victims of stalking.
- Females experienced 20 stalking victimizations per 1,000 females age 18 or older.
- The rate of stalking victimizations for males was approximately 7 per 1,000 males age 18 or older.
- Persons age 18 to 19 and 20 to 24 experienced the highest rates of stalking victimization
- One in 7 victims reported they moved as a result of the stalking.
- Approximately 60% do not report victimization to the police.



TIME RESTRICTIONS FOR TRASH CONTAINERS

As a reminder the City of Manchester would like to inform our residents of the City's Ordinances pertaining to the placement of trash containers. "Time Restrictions for placing containers at the curb for collection" Section 240.080 of the City's Code of Ordinances, reads as: "All solid waste, yard waste, bulky waste, and recyclables may be placed at the curb adjacent to the premises not sooner than the night (after sunset) before the designated day for collection thereof, except where other or related programs as authorized or approved by the City may allow for a longer or varied placement time at the curb line. Such items shall be placed in appropriate containers such as heavy-duty trash bags or solid waste containers with tight-fitting covers. All containers shall be removed from the curb no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day of the regularly-scheduled trash collection services.

Except as provided herein, all containers shall be kept in a location not visible from the street fronting such premises, unless such shall be within a garage or carport. The maximum number of solid waste containers placed at the curb for pickup at any one time shall conform to the City's current trash collection/hauling contract. With the current contract, no more than a combination of seven (7) cans and plastic bags shall be collected at any time from any dwelling unit.

If there are any questions please call the Public Works Department at 636-227-1385, extension 104.



BICYCLE HELMETS

Did you know that bicycle helmets are now mandatory for all juveniles under the age of 17 in St. Louis County? The Manchester Police Department provides free helmets to its juvenile residents. Call Sgt. Dan West at (636) 207-2821 to make arrangements to get yours.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

The Board of Aldermen recently passed legislation dealing with the following:

Authorization to: Enter into an agreement with the City of Ballwin for police communication services and prisoner holdover services / Accept bid of Contract Furniture Solutions, LLC for furniture for the new Police Facility / Enter into an agreement with the State of Missouri for bridge replacement along new Meramec Station Road / Execute the Fifth Amendment to the Redevelopment Agreement concerning the 141 and Manchester Road area / Enter into the Municipal Housing and Community Development Cooperation Agreement with St. Louis County / To purchase and install a shade structure at the Aquatic Center by the Competition Pool / Execute a Change Order for the scope of work for the City's new Police Facility / Submit a Municipal Parks Grant Application for an amphitheater in Schroeder Park / Purchase five 2009 Chevrolet Impala Police Patrol Vehicles / Enter into a contract with Aramark Uniform Services for uniforms, floormats, and towels for the Public Works Department / Contract with Cole and Associates for stormwater engineering services for the 736 Carman Meadows Drive area / Purchase a Bobcat Skid Steer Loader from Bobcat of St. Louis / Execute a change order for a post indicator valve and backfill rock for the City's new Police Facility / Expend \$130,500 for vehicle fuel for the Public Works, Parks, and Police Departments

Approval of: Amendment of Ordinance regarding the construction of the new Police Facility as it pertains specifically to the electronic message monument / Special Use Permit for Auto Trim Restyling and Sign at 901 Howard George Drive / The City's 2009 budget / Rezoning of property located at 116-180 Baxter Road to R-6 Multi-family residential with Planned Residential Development overlay / Re-subdivision of 116-180 Baxter Road / Acceptance for public use and maintenance of the , streets, sidewalks and sewers in Arbor Meadows Addition / Apolicy regarding deer carcass removal

Establishment of: A new rate of compensation for elected officials

Vacation of: Certain rights-of-way in the City of Manchester, being Fourth Street and Triplett's Alley / Certain rights-of-way in the City of Manchester being Laurel Alley

HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City has participated in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the past several years. Through this program, funds are coordinated by St. Louis County and allow residents of the City with low incomes to apply for grants to assist them with home improvements, such as electrical, plumbing, roofing, heating and cooling, and masonry. At the present time, a majority of St. Louis County's municipalities participate in the CDBG Program. If you would like further information regarding the Home Improvement Program, please contact Ms. Rose Loehr of the St. Louis County Office at 314-615-4025.

WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION

The Manchester community relies on its property owners, residents, and businesses to keep their neighborhood and community a beautiful and nuisance-free place to live. With the advent of spring and summer, the City would like to remind everyone of their responsibilities regarding weeds, brush, or natural vegetation on their property.

Grass or other vegetation that is over 10 inches in height is considered a nuisance under the City's Code of Ordinances. If the property owner fails to correct the nuisance within the allowable time frame, the City can remove the grass or weeds and place a lien on the property to collect the costs of the removal.

The City appreciates the cooperation of all property owners in keeping our community a great place to live.

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Congratulations to the winners of the first Manchester Holiday Outdoor Decorating Contest.

Lights:

- 1st place- 775 Whispering Meadows
- 2nd place-707 Joyce Ann
- 3rd place-257 Old Sulphur Spring Rd.

Winter Wonderland award:

- 703 Grand Glen Dr.

RAIN GARDENS

Rain gardens are just what they sound like – gardens that soak up rain water whether it is from your roof, driveway or lawn. They are landscaped areas planted with native flowers and vegetation to replace areas of lawn. These gardens capture runoff water and allow the water to slowly filter into the ground rather than running off to storm drains. Compared to a conventional lawn, a rain garden may allow up to 30 percent more water to soak into the ground.

Each rain garden may seem small, but collectively they produce substantial neighborhood and regional environmental benefits. Holding back runoff water helps prevent pollutants such as fertilizers and insecticides from washing off your yard into storm sewers. By reducing the amount of water that enters local storm drain systems, rain gardens can also reduce the chances for local flooding as well as bank and shoreline damage along streams, ponds and lakes. Rain gardens also provide landscaping opportunities for your yard as well as valuable wildlife habitat.

Missouri's Grow Native! Program has developed a guide titled "Native Plant Rain Gardens" for homeowners who would like to create a natural collection point for water runoff. The free guide includes design ideas as well as suggestions for suitable plants. To request a guide, send an e-mail to publications.staff@mdc.mo.gov. In the e-mail, ask for Publication No. E00568, and include your name and home address. You may also pick up a copy at the Powder Valley Conservation Nature Center, 11715 Cragwold Road in Kirkwood or at the regional Missouri Department of Conservation office at 2360 Highway D in St. Charles. Additional information can be found by searching "rain gardens" on the internet.

Overall Spirit of the Holidays:

- 1st place-109 Morewood Dr.
- 2nd place- 766 Galway Dr.
- 3rd place-746 Carman Woods Dr.



Manchester Police Officers To Raise Money For Special Olympics - Third Annual Clean Up For Special Olympics

During the evening of June 4, our Manchester Police Officers will again take on the role of bus boys to help out a worthy cause. The officers will clear away dirty dishes, refill ice tea and sodas, collect donations and sell Torch Run merchandise to raise money for Missouri Special Olympics.

The event is known as Clean Up For Special Olympics and is the combined effort of Tucker's West Restaurant at 14282 Manchester Road and the Manchester Police Department. Participating officers are volunteering to work as bus boys and Tucker's will host the event and even donate a portion of the evening's receipts.

Please mark your calendars for the evening of June 4, and come to Tucker's West Restaurant for a wonderful dinner and the opportunity to watch Manchester's Finest Clean Up For Special Olympics. Last year, the response from the Manchester community was nothing short of outstanding. Everyone enjoyed great food and service, and in return, they were very generous to Missouri Special Olympics. If you are unable to attend, Special Olympic Torch Run shirts are available by contacting Lieutenant Tim Walsh at 636-207-2816 or by e-mail at twalsh@manchestermo.gov



Pictured with Mayor David L. Willson is Ms. Lane Koch, a representative from United States Senator Kit Bond's office. Ms. Koch hosted a "Listening Post" to hear about resident concerns and to make notation of comments from residents at the Manchester City Hall recently. Concerns and comments expressed will be relayed to Senator Bond.



MAYOR WILLSON ASSISTS SANTA AT WEST COUNTY EMS & FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Mayor David Willson and Santa were available during the special "Toys for Tots" charity campaign event hosted by the West County EMS & Fire Protection District at Station One, 223 Henry Avenue in Manchester.

NEW WEBSITE ON THE HORIZON

Watch for release of the City's new website in the near future. We are redesigning our website, giving it a new look with many new features. We hope to go "live" with the new website this spring.

Manchester Police Department To Host Women's Safety Seminar

Personal safety and security, like most things in life, don't just happen. They result from a conscious individual plan to pay attention to what's going on around you and to take preventative measures to avoid becoming the victim of a crime. While related issues of crime certainly affect all of us, they specifically apply to women as they are often targeted by criminals.

On Thursday, May 21, from 7:00 – 9:30PM, the Manchester Police Department will host a free Women's Safety Seminar at Manchester City Hall (14318 Manchester Road). The seminar will be led by Sergeant Sheree Waterhouse; a veteran police supervisor and self defense trainer for more than 20 years. Sgt. Waterhouse is currently assigned as a uniformed squad sergeant with the Manchester Police Department. Seminar topics will include preventive tips women can use to protect themselves, information on weapons and realistic demonstrations by Sgt. Waterhouse. The program is open to all women above age 16. You may reserve a seat by calling Michelle Melugin at 636/227-1385 Ext. 108.

VETERANS MEMORIAL NEWS

Preparations for the construction of the Manchester Veterans Memorial are still going as planned. Those interested in celebrating and honoring military veterans who are important in their lives can still purchase pavers or otherwise donate to the beautiful new Memorial planned at Margaret Stoecker Park on Henry Road.

Since the last newsletter, there was a groundbreaking ceremony conducted on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2008. A military color guard representing members of the Walter LePere American Legion Post 208 punctuated the ceremony with a crisp presentation of the military colors. Notable elected and appointed city officials spoke in recognition of all who have or who are currently serving in our Armed Forces and how this Memorial will be a lasting tribute to their valor, honor, and bravery.

The groundbreaking ceremony served as a kick-off to the community donation campaign to get the funds to build this Memorial. Members of the community are currently seeking donations from individuals and members of the business community. Such donations can also be in the form of needed building materials or labor from any of the trades. Complimentary features such as benches, flagpoles, pillars, and landscaping may also be dedicated to a veteran. Most of the donations so far have been from individuals who are dedicated to memorialize the service given by a friend, family member or loved one through the purchase of the brick pavers. Such memorials are not reserved only for Manchester residents. They can be made for anyone from any conflict in which our nation has been involved.

Mayor David Willson has encouraged support from all Manchester residents and businesses. Planning for the Memorial is complete and construction is expected to begin by mid -2009. Please help make this memorial a tribute worthy of our heroes. This will be a great opportunity to purchase an engraved paver or make a contribution to honor a relative, friend or neighbor. All contributions are tax deductible. Paver and donation applications are available at the City Hall or on line at www.manchestermo.gov.

Thank you for your support.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMITS

Now that spring is fast approaching, you may be thinking about those home improvement projects that you planned all winter. Make sure you call or visit City Hall to check on whether your projects will require a building permit. The permitting and inspection of home improvements are necessary for the safety of not only current residents but future city residents as well.

Common household projects that need a permit include:

- Decks (new and replacing existing)
- Swimming pools (above ground, in-ground and inflatable)
- Fences (new and replacing existing)
- Basement finishes
- Garages

You may reach the Planning and Zoning staff at 636-227-1385, extension 123 to find out what permits you might need before starting your next project.

CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Police Department is accepting applications for the next class of the Manchester Citizens' Police Academy. The Academy is designed to provide citizens with an in-depth look at the City's law enforcement operations and its working relationships with other emergency response professionals. Representatives of the City of Manchester and the State and Federal Governments will make presentations concerning the various important and interactive roles they perform on a daily basis. Also included will be tours of the Police Department facilities and an opportunity for a ride-along with a Police Officer.

The class will run nine consecutive Tuesdays, beginning March 24, 2009, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall by calling 227-1385, extension 108 or at the city's website, www.manchester.mo.gov. Class size will be limited to 25 participants. For specific information, please contact Lieutenant Bob Fritschle at (636) 207-2818.



U. S. CENSUS BUREAU TESTING AND TRAINING

Mayor David Willson had an opportunity to visit with Mr. Brian Moore of the United States Census Bureau about the upcoming 2010 census. The Census Bureau is utilizing the meeting room of City Hall for testing and training purposes on specified dates throughout 2009.

Residents are encouraged to subscribe to the City's E-Mail Newsletter by visiting the City's website at www.manchestermo.gov. Notices on pertinent issues will be sent directly to your E-Mail account.

HELP AVAILABLE FOR SEWER LATERAL REPAIRS

The City of Manchester has a sewer lateral repair program for single-family residences. The annual fee of \$28 is paid in conjunction with your real estate tax bill. Revenues generated by the \$28 fee are restricted and can only be used for the repair of sewer lateral lines.

The City's sewer lateral fee of \$28 applies to residential property having six or less dwelling units.

Under the guidelines established by the Board of Aldermen, the City accepts applications on a first come, first serve basis. The property owner is responsible for the first \$500 of cost, with the City contributing a maximum of \$6,000 for any one repair.

If you have any questions regarding the City's sewer lateral repair program, please contact the Public Works Department at 636-227-1385, extension 104.



RIBBON CUTTING FOR U. S. ARMY RECRUITERS

Mayor David Willson attended the ribbon cutting ceremony recently for the U. S. Army Recruiting Office.



POLICE OFFICERS COMMENDED

At a recent Board of Aldermen meeting, Chief of Police John Connolly recognized three officers for good police work in 2008. Officer Diane Bolt (left) solved a home burglary and developed a confidential informant in the area which was beneficial in developing information on additional crimes. Detective Ed Skaggs (center) solved a rash of thefts which took place at the City's Aquatic Center, and Officer Adrian Roybal (right) made an arrest of a suspect who turned out to be on a one-man crime spree in the City.

VEHICLE PARKING TIME LIMITATION

As the result of a number of citizen concerns, the City staff wants to assure that citizens are aware of the parking time limitation for vehicles on streets. According to Section 355.120 of the City's Code of Ordinances, "No person shall park a vehicle on any street for an uninterrupted period of time longer than twenty-four (24) hours, except in an emergency."



CITY INFORMATION

Fax 636-227-5438

Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED:

Memorial Day, May 25

Administration

636-227-1385, extension 106

Public Works Department

636-227-1385, extension 104

Police Department

636-227-1385, extension 108

Non Emergency Police Dispatch

636-527-9200

Planning and Zoning

636-227-1385, extension 107

Code Enforcement

636-227-1385, extension 111

Property Maintenance

636-227-1385, extension 111

Park and Recreation

636-391-6326, extension 400

Finance

636-227-1385, extension 105

Board of Aldermen meetings- 1st and 3rd

Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m.

The public is welcome.

Planning and Zoning Commission meetings-

2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Court-1st and 3rd Wednesdays of

each month at 6:30 p.m.



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SEVERE WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

During the spring, the St. Louis area often experiences thunderstorms and other severe weather. The City encourages all residents to take these weather conditions seriously and to take appropriate precautionary measures.

Knowing what to do and where to go during severe weather conditions can make the difference between life and death. The City's Emergency Management Director has compiled the following list of safety tips to keep you and your family safe during severe weather:

Every year, lightning kills more Americans than tornadoes or hurricanes. If you are outside and notice lightning, try to get inside a building or a car. If you are unable to do so, keep away from metal (golf carts, motorcycles, fences, etc.). Stay below ground level, avoid hilltops, open spaces such as beaches or fields, and open water.

Thunderstorms may produce flash flooding. Stay out of dry creek beds during storms. Avoid driving on roads where water is present. If you find yourself caught in watery conditions and your car stalls, get out of your car immediately. It takes less than two feet of water to make your car float, possibly trapping you inside.

Seeking shelter under a highway overpass if you notice a funnel cloud or tornado may not be safe. The type of construction used for overpasses may cause a dangerous wind tunnel effect. Additionally, the area could become a focal point for blowing debris.

When weather reports indicate that you should seek shelter, go to an interior room on the lowest possible floor, preferably with no windows. Avoid large open, interior spaces such as cafeterias and gymnasiums due to the threat of roof collapse.

If you are driving, get out of your car and seek shelter in a ditch or ravine away from your vehicle. Never try to outrun a tornado.